

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 618

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Sergeant Terrence Smithson on the occasion of his retirement from the Franklin Police Department.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Terrence Smithson, longtime member of the Franklin Police Department, is one such estimable person who has served the city with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smithson took a much deserved retirement in December 2011 after twenty-five years of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, raised on a farm in College Grove, Terrence Smithson graduated from Fred J. Page High School; and

WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Middle Tennessee State University and he is also a graduate of the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smithson began his laudable career with the Franklin Police Department on July 13, 1987, and he has worked in numerous sectors, including Operations, Administration, and, most recently, Criminal Investigations, which Sgt. Smithson served as the Major Crimes Unit Manager; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service to the citizens of Franklin, Sgt. Smithson served with acumen and alacrity as a Correctional Officer for the Tennessee Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Terrence Smithson is an active and devout member of Bethel World Outreach Church in Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Sgt. Smithson is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Susan, and their two adult sons, Andre and Alex; and

WHEREAS, Terrence Smithson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Sgt. Smithson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the good people of the City of Franklin; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Terrence Smithson our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.